

**Brooklyn City Council Finance Committee**  
**January 14, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci

ABSENT: None

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2018. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to **approve**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky. Abstain: Pucci (she hadn't time to read them) **APPROVED**

Request from Mgr. McGinty for acceptance of a grant and purchase of the equipment relating to it. Mgr. McGinty said this is what she had brought to the Committee the previous mtg. She said they were given a revised quote that was a few thousand dollars less. The order has to be placed tomorrow, so she is asking for approval this evening. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council **approve**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Request from Mayor Gallagher to accept a \$2,000 NOPEC grant to be used for Fall Fest. MOTION by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to recommend Council **approve**. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Ord. #2018-92, Establishes Brooklyn Acres Mutual Homes (Community Partner) rates for membership and programs at the Recreation Center and Natatorium. Chairman Van Kirk said this is the same as the other Community Partner ordinances. He reviewed the few changes that were made. It will need to be amended at Council mtg. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ord. #2018-93, Establishes Brooklyn Acres Mutual Homes (Community Partner) rates for membership and programs at the Recreation Center and Natatorium and at the Brooklyn Senior Center. Chairman Van Kirk said this is the competing ordinance to #92, set for resident rates, and to allow the Senior Center pass. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ord. #2019-1, Amending Ord. 2018-55, 'Establishing Linndale (Community Partner) rates at the John M. Coyne Recreation Center and Natatorium. This adds 'employees' to the partner rates. When asked, Mayor Gallagher said there are about 20 employees, and Linndale said they will pay the costs. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Dir. Raguz reported they closed out 2018, and Council will get the financial reports before January 28<sup>th</sup>. He added he will not be at work or the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gallagher addressed the dirt mound by the old school. She said Comm. Kulcsar has gone back and forth with Dr. Gleichauf. It will cost \$35,000 for them to move the dirt around. They are asking the city, because they don't have the funds, and the city is in more of a rush to address this than they are, to pay the \$3-\$4,000 in engineering costs. She said she wasn't anticipating this, and it's not in our budget. But they asked, so she is putting it out there. Councilman Tanski commented he's not sure it should be moved around rather than be removed. Comm. Kulcsar agreed, that there is a lot the city would need to know, including we need to know the grades, plans need drawn, dirt tested, storm water management issues... Asked if the dirt could be used as fill for our four parcels of land being demoed, Dir. Udris replied he hopes the plans are approved, but he doesn't know how much fill is needed, and if it's construction debris it isn't clean fill. Mayor Gallagher said needs feedback to give Dr. Gleichauf. Chairman Van Kirk said this is not our property, do we want to be part of it. Councilwoman Pucci said she has mixed feelings, she understands their struggle, and that Dr. Gleichauf inherited this, but it bothers her that we have no control over this. She asked if we can ask for a compromise, that we know what and how it will be done, and have some say in it. Councilman Tanski agreed, that if we do the engineering money we should have a say on moving or removing the dirt. Mayor Gallagher said some Council seemed rushed on this, but she will ask for all

this information being talked about; they have a mtg. tomorrow and might get more information. Councilman Tanski said we just want it done right. Mayor Gallagher said she will email everyone with any information. There was additional brief conversation.

Mayor Gallagher said everyone might have heard, but she received an email that Keystone will be closing in Brooklyn, laying off 140 workers. There was brief discussion. Councilwoman Pucci asked how much money we would go after them, as per the contract. Dir. Udris and he and Dir. Butler will be looking it over. Mayor Gallagher said, though, that some leases will be signed to help with the loss. She said the CIC just accepted \$335,000 for the sale of the former IKEA land, by the group that owns the JD Norman and Keystone properties. So that will work out better for us. –She also said that Victory Capital will be moving to San Antonio, with plans to leave approximately 150 employees. This will result in a big loss to the city of \$630,000 in taxes. It also explains why she kept trying to contact their CEO to talk with him and was getting no response. There was brief discussion. –She said the 2019 street paving projects will be starting, with \$1.1M budgeted. She had some alternate streets to discuss. She said we can move it around to do the scheduled portion of Hurricane Alley, W. Biddulph, Clinton, and Ansonia, if Dominion will be done with their work on Ansonia. There was discussion about the Dominion work possibly affecting roadwork, and some complaints from residents on the streets where they currently have contractors working. Comm. Kulcsar said he has been monitoring and taking calls on it. It was decided to stick with the original plans.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Pucci.

Mary-Jo Banish, Clerk of Council

Minutes approved: 01.28.19